(c) the machinery established for close coordination with the States to monitor implementation of these specific plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Vision Statement on Environment and Human health includes environmental health problems posed by air pollution, water pollution, radiation, noise pollution, climate change, indoor air pollution, hazardous and bio-medical wastes. The Vision Statement has also outlined the need for institutional strengthening, public partnership, implementation and cordination mechanism for various programmes and activities. However, no time bound plan has been drawn.

(c) An Environment and Human Health Cell (EHHC) has been created in the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) to act as a nodal point for addressing relevant issues pertaining to environment health. Besides, an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee on Environment and Human Health and a Task Force on Environment and Human Health have been constituted by the MoEF to monitor and oversee implementation of various programmes and activities.

Grant to NGOs for afforestation

†2117. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs which were sanctioned the grant by the Central Government during the year 2002-03 for afforestation and the details thereof, State-wise;;

(b) the action being taken by Government against the NGOs who have not utilized the financial assistance given by Government for afforestation and details thereof, State-wise; and;

(c) the rules laid down for the recovery of the amount from these passive organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) During the year 2002-03, the grant assistance were sanctioned to 141 Non-Governmental

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Organisations (NGOs) for afforestation activities. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below)

(b) The release of subsequent instalments is made only after obtaining the Utilisation Certificates in respect of funds already released.

(c) As per the approved guideline, the passive organisation will be required to refund the sanctioned amount as principal together with the interest accrued thereon in one lump sum.

Statement

Status of release of fund during 2002-03

SI.No. Name of States	No. of NGOs Assisted	Total Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
1. Andhra Pradesh	22	61.67
2. Jharkhand	2	1.50
3. Kerala	3	9.80
4. Karnataka	14	41.53
5. Madhya Pradesh	2	4.06
6. Orissa	8	22.18
7. Rajasthan	1	1.77
8. Tamil Nadu	4	3.68
9. Uttar Pradesh	7	13.98
10. Uttaranchal	10	39.32
11. West Bengal	1	1.00
North Eastern States		
12. Arunachal Pradesh	21	63.57
13. Assam	1	2.89
14. Manipur	14	43.67
15. Mizoram	2	4.76
16. Nagaland	28	82.48
17. Tripura	1	3.98